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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

THE STATE OF UNIONISM

Officials of San Francisco unions sat down with some experts from U.C. and state agencies last week to learn details of a trend everyone knows about:

Blue collar jobs, the stronghold of unionism, are waning. But, in San Francisco in particular, white collar jobs are on the rise.

And, despite some gains, union progress in the white collar field has been far from astonishing.

Many proposals were made on what to do about this. But, according to the report I read, apparently there was no serious consideration given to having all unions pool their resources to organize the unorganized.

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IT ONLY TOOK NINE MONTHS

The recount of votes in the Washington Township Hospital District didn't change the faces on the Board of Directors.

But it showed the voters of the district the lengths to which the entrenched majority on the board would go to block the recount.

There was no question about the fact that labor's COPE was going to pay for the recount.

Why did the hospital district — with a tremendous assist from the District Attorney's Office — spend thousands of dollars in taxes with court maneuvers to block it?

This is one more thing voters will want to ask incumbents on the board when more of them come up for election next year.

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ASSESSING THE SITUATION

The Observer, thorn-in-the-flesh of the Alameda County powers-that-be, has put a price tag on the cost of influence peddling among California county assessors to honest taxpayers: $200 million.

In Alameda County alone, the publication charged, the bill is $8-$9 million, adding that some of the nation's largest companies "either blindly or knowingly accepted sizable tax reductions."

It will be interesting to see how many wide-awake profit-counters claim they had their eyes momentarily closed when the tax man was paid off.

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SHORT SNORT

State Controller Alan Cranston, invited to attend an open house at the John Birch Society's new West Coast headquarters, replied:

"Happily, I cannot accept. I hope to have a previous committment at that time. Besides, my tennis shoes are in the repair shop."

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Gov. Brown, Weaver OK bids to Labor Day Picnic



ROBERT S. ASH, left, executive secretary-treasurer of the Central Labor Council and co-chairman of the committee which successfully backed Proposition 1 on the April ballot in Oakland, receives a framed resolution from George Vukasin of the Board of Port Commissioners. Looking on are: Pat Sander, first vice-president, Central Labor Council, and Joe W. Chaudet, general manager, East Bay Labor Journal and vice-president of the Port Commission.

Port Commission gives award to Ash

Labor's role in helping pass Proposition 1 on the April 20 ballot in Oakland was recognized last week with presentation of a special commendation to Executive Secretary-Treasurer Robert S. Ash of the Central Labor Council.

The presentation was made by George Vukasin, member of the Oakland Board of Port Commissioners.

Proposition 1 liberalized land leasing requirements for the Port of Oakland, paving the way for increased industrial expansion.

Ash and Nils Eklund, former president of the Chamber of Commerce, served as co-chairmen of the Committee for Greater Oakland Development, formed to help pass Prop 1.

Vukasin was introduced by Joe W. Chaudet, general manager of the East Bay Labor Journal and vice-chairman of the Oakland Port Commission. Chaudet praised Vukasin's work on the port commission, noting that he had given strong support to efforts to upgrade pay of port employees.

Chaudet also noted that Vukasin was a member of Delivery Drivers 588 and that the coffee firm owned by his family was under contract with Retail Clerks 870.

Vukasin presented Ash with a framed copy of Resolution No. 16094 of the Board of Port Commissioners, commending him and Eklund for their roles.

The Port of Oakland, Vukasin said, has had serious problems in the past making property under its control available for development. He said the April primary ballot measure, approved overwhelmingly by voters, has removed most of the obstacles.

As a result, Vukasin told the Central Labor Council, the number of new leases in recent months is up 65 to 70 per cent over past years.

Ash expressed his thanks on behalf of the Central Labor Council, stating he felt that such honors were really made in recognition of the council's work.

In his report to Labor Council delegates, Executive Assistant Richard K. Groulx paid tribute to Chaudet for his work on behalf of employees and on other matters as a member of the Port Commission.

Barbers vote to raise haircut prices for adults

Barbers and Beauticians 134 voted Monday afternoon to increase men's haircut prices in Alameda County to $2.50, effective this week, according to Business Representative John A. Monte Jr.

This will bring men's haircut prices up to those in surrounding areas. Children's haircuts will remain $1.75 on weekdays and $2 on Saturdays.

Building Trades Council to issue new AWOC plea

Another attempt will be made to get Building Trades Council affiliates who have not already done so to contribute to the AFLCIO Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee.

AWOC's importance was stressed in reports by BTC President Paul Jones, Vice President Al Thoman, Business Representative J. L. Childers and delegates Lloyd Green of Hayward Painters 1178 and Harry Yetter of Carpenters 36 at Tuesday night's meeting.

Their comments followed reading of a letter from Thomas L. Pitts, State AFLCIO secretary-treasurer, urging donations to the farm worker drive.

VITAL TO BUILDING TRADES

President Jones, a State AFLCIO vice-president, emphasized that "people working for starvation wages jump at a chance to work on construction jobs at non-union rates of $3 to $3.50 an hour."

Thus, he explained, AWOC's current campaign is especially important to building tradesmen.

Business Representative Childers added that AWOC Director Al Green was an old-time building tradesman and declared that if farm workers aren't organized this year, the chance may be lost for a long time.

AWOC desperately needs money to cover key areas with organizing personnel at the current peak harvest, Childers told delegates, emphasizing that action by unions now is imperative.

He said that unions have been asked to give 25 cents a member

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Fun, awards, dance contest, top acts set

Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown and Gerge L-P Weaver, assistant secretary of labor for international affairs, will address the Alameda County AFLCIO Labor Day Picnic Sept. 6 at the County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

Their acceptance of invitations by the sponsoring Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education was announced this week by Robert S. Ash, COPE secretary-treasurer.

About 15 local unions have reserved areas for the picnic, according to Assistant Secretary Norman E. Amundson. Many plan to have their own refreshments in addition to the free coffee for adults and soft drinks for youngsters to be provided by COPE.

Amundson urged other unions planning to have their own picnic areas to notify him as soon as possible.

The COPE Picnic Committee has also announced the following attractions for the picnic:

- Free children's games, supervised by personnel from the Oakland Recreation Department.
- A dance contest, featuring the waltz, foxtrot and teen-age steps.
- A special Union Label booth, with free souvenirs for every guest and a special display of union labels and shop cards.
- An entertainment program with six top variety acts headed by Billy Grant, master of ceremonies.
- Distribution of awards, in-

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GRADUATING APPRENTICES from Steamfitters 342 include from left, Tom Scoggins, Ward Indorf, George Zdanis, John Dulle Jr. and John Julson. Local 342's 1965 graduating apprentices and their wives were honored at a banquet at the Edgewater Hotel in Oakland. Not shown are Gary Dana, Gene Lehfeldt, Charles Long and Samuel Skaggs.

HOW TO BUY

Medicare, social security changes

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal **Copyright 1965**

Older people are being warned not to drop their present hospital and medical insurance before the new medicare plan goes into effect, July 1, 1966.

Otherwise they will be without protection until then.

Even after medicare becomes effective, some supplementary insurance or budget allowance will be necessary.

Figure as we can, we can't see how an elderly couple can get away with less than $25 to $30 a month for additional expenditures for ordinary health needs not covered by medicare, and possibly much more in event of catastrophic illness.

For one thing, even if a couple are both 65 and thus both eligible for Plan A (the basic medicare hospital insurance), they still will have to pay $6 a month for Plan B (the supplementary doctor bill insurance).

The couple also will have to pay for the first $100 a year of doctor bills ($50 each), plus 20 per cent of the remainder. This could mean an additional expense of $10 a month or more.

Another $10-$15 a month would be a modest enough expectation for medicines (not covered outside the hospital), routine physical exams, optical and dental care and other expenses not insured by medicare.

REALIZATION OF these gaps has prompted some unions to ask those employers who provide health insurance for retirees not to drop it after July 1, 1966, but to renegotiate it to supplement medicare.

Such group insurance would cost much less than individual supplementary policies now being prepared for sale by commercial insurance companies.

Nonprofit organizations, such as HIP of New York, Group Health Insurance, Inc., and regional Blue Cross-Blue Shield plans, also are preparing low cost supplementary health insurance plans. These will seek to provide against catastrophic illness beyond the 90 hospital days medicare provides for and for the ordinary expenses covered only in part or not at all.

IN RESPECT TO enrollment for medicare, keep in mind that all persons who will be 65 or older before Jan. 1, 1966, must enroll for Plan B, the supplementary medical insurance, between Sept. 1, 1965, and March 31, 1966, if they want it.

People over 65 already getting social security will get a form in the mail in September to fill out and return. But others over 65, even if not collecting or not entitled to social security, should get in touch with the nearest Social Security Office to enroll both for Plan A and Plan B.

You don't have to pay anything for Plan A. You pay $3 a month for the supplementary Plan B, but it is valuable insurance at this price.

IMPORTANT CHANGES in social security itself may have been overshadowed by the historic advent of medicare.

These changes affect younger families as well as older persons.

The increase in benefits, retroactive to January, 1965, will be paid automatically to the 20 million men, women and children now getting social security. You do not have to apply for it. You will get a separate check for the back payments in late September. This will be followed early in October by the first regular check at the increased amount.

Improved disability insurance under social security is an important boon to younger families. This has been largely overlooked. Now a worker can get social security payments if he is totally disabled or chronically ill for more than 12 months, or if his disability is expected to last that long (instead of "permanently disabled" as before).

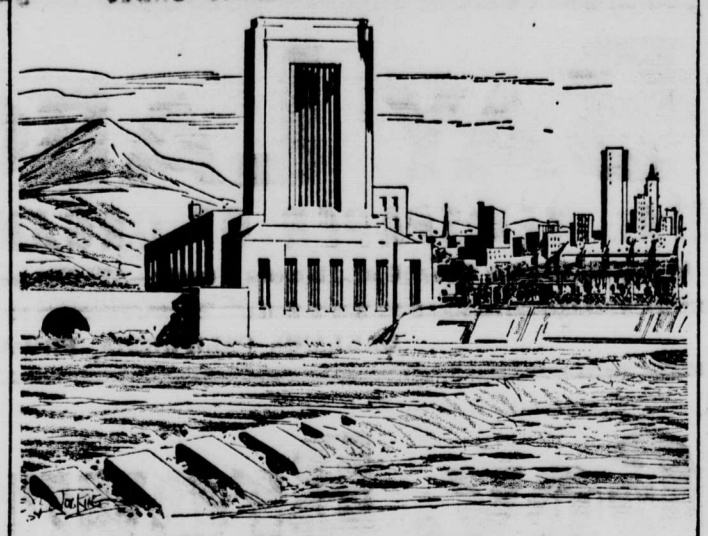
This change, together with employer paid sick pay, now gives your family an important bulwark against loss of earnings because of total disablement. In fact, some 60,000 disabled workers who could not get benefits under the old law now will be able to qualify.

Increase in maximum family benefits, from the old maximum of $254, no matter how large the family, to a new maximum of $309.20 for now, and higher later, give your family added insurance protection if anything happens to its breadwinner.

Lower eligibility age for widows also improves your family insurance protection. A widow now can take her benefits at 60 and get 71½ per cent of what her husband would have gotten if he had lived, or at 62 she can get 82½ per cent.

Students 18 to 22 now are eligible for payments. This immediately affects about 295,000 youngsters whose benefits had been stopped at 18, or were not payable because they already were 18 when a family wage earner died, became disabled or retired. But these youngsters must apply to their local Social Security Offices to get the new student benefits. They won't arrive automatically.

What in the WORLD! by TED



Our Thirsty World

It takes two tons of water to grow, process and bake the ingredients for a single load of bread. And to produce one ton of rolled steel requires over 400 tons of water.

These facts dramatize the statement by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) that "man's water needs are growing astronomically."

They also explain UNESCO's designation of 1965-75 as the International Hydrological Decade. Under a newly adopted program, the world community will cooperate in a study of water resources, conservation methods, measurements and future needs. Thirty countries already have set up national committees to coordinate and evaluate data collected during the 10-year period.

Agriculture and industry are civilization's thirstiest consumers. Drinking water is no more than a drop in the bucket compared to total consumption, UNESCO says.

Nevertheless, with demands for all purposes rising phenomenally, UNESCO notes: "Water is no longer an inexhaustible commodity—even in a damp climate."

Greyhound bus fare increase

Increases in fares on its commuter runs to Contra Costa County and the San Francisco Peninsula were granted to Greyhound Lines by the State Public Utilities Commission this month.

Monthly commute fares between Oakland and Contra Costa County will go up 20 per cent. Single ride rates will also go up. All increases were made effective Aug. 27.

Greyhound claimed it was losing $1,289,000 yearly on Bay Area commute operations and will still lose $300,000 under the new rates.

Blowup

There was a loud explosion in the back room of the drug store. The pharmacist staggered out, his face stained with smoke, his glasses broken and his jacket in shreds. He said to the lady customer, "Have your doctor write out that prescription again — and this time tell him to **print** it.—**Intl. Teamster.**

GSA announces car safety rules

The federal government's General Services Administration has adopted requirements for safety devices on cars manufactured for it starting Sept. 28, 1966.

The safety devices, which eventually may be required on all cars, are:

- Anchorage for seat belts.
- Padded instrument panel and visors.
- Recessed instruments and knobs.
- Impact-absorbing steering wheel and column.
- Safety door latches and hinges.
- Firmer seat anchorages.
- Four-way flashing lights.
- Safety glazing for windows and windshield.
- Dual brake system.
- Standard bumper heights.
- Standardized automatic transmissions (P-R-N-D-L).
- Standard windshield wipers and washers.
- Glare reduction surfaces for instrument panel and wiper components.
- Exhaust emission control system.
- Tires and safety rims to meet federal standards.
- Backup warning lights.
- Outside rearview mirrors.
- Warning light for partial brake loss.

Same game

Love is the same old game it was 10,000 years ago, except that diamonds have replaced clubs. —The Machinist.

A few words for UNION CONSUMERS

HOW MANY GIRLS nowadays know how to can fruits and vegetables, make pickles or pluck a chicken?

Very few.

Over the years, more and more Americans have moved to cities. Fewer of us live on farms.

With this profound shift, the housewife's duties have changed, says California's State Consumer Counsel Helen E. Nelson.

Now, Mrs. Nelson told a recent convention, a good housewife must know how to read labels, borrow money, buy insurance, guard against the fine print in a credit contract, and interpret the warranty on a washing machine — to name just a few housewifely responsibilities.

THIS IS ONE reason the consumer's voice in government is growing louder, Mrs. Nelson said.

Another is that, as family income has gone up, the share going for food and clothes has declined.

With smaller chunks going for food and clothing, more goes for what economists call "discretionary spending," Mrs. Nelson said, adding that it is debatable whether many families would call a car or medical insurance discretionary.

But growing spending for these and other items shows how important they have become, Mrs. Nelson said. From 1950 to 1960, the share of family spending that went for auto purchase and upkeep increased nearly 21 per cent, and that for medical care, including health insurance, 27 per cent.

THESE CHANGES have stirred up resentment against marketing techniques as families struggle to get the most out of their paychecks.

And the growing awareness that many of the rules which govern selling, loans, insurance, credit buying and weights and measures are made in government has focused the spotlight on public officials, according to Mrs. Nelson.

"The middle-income housewife," Mrs. Nelson said, "is becoming aware that if the label is deceptive or not sufficiently informative, if she's frustrated in trying to make wise choices when borrowing money, buying insurance, signing a credit contract, or interpreting the warranty on her washing machine—it's often because rules made in government legalize the practices that frustrate her efforts.

"As consumers increasingly become aware that the rules of the marketplace are made in government," Mrs. Nelson declared, "they want their economic interests as consumers to be spoken for when these rules are made. They assume that's what democracy means. Hence, there is growing interest in and support for the principle of consumer representation in government."

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New drywall pact provides $1.10 in N. Calif. counties

A new statewide drywall agreement between the Carpenters and contractors will give installers in 46 Northern California counties wage and fringe benefit increases totalling $1.10 an hour over a three year period.

The pact was negotiated between the State Council of Carpenters on behalf of its affiliates and the California Drywall Contractors Association.

Anthony Ramos, executive secretary-treasurer of the state council, led union negotiators.

He said the agreement is written to accommodate fringe benefits and administrative language in the four master contract areas in the state.

For example, Ramos said, in the four Bay Area counties, the agreement calls for shortening of the workweek in two steps to 36 hours to conform with the recently - negotiated Carpenters' pact.

In the other 42 Northern California counties, the 40 hour workweek will remain, Ramos said.

Lodge 1546 picnic was big success, Francis reports

The picnic held by East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546 Aug. 8 at Linda Vista Park in Mission San Jose was a big success, reports Business Representative Manuel Francis, committee chairman.

More than 3,000 members, families and friends came to the picnic, which featured free rides and soft drinks for the children and swimming and games for all.

"We hope to repeat this very enjoyable occasion in 1966," Francis said.

He reported that prizes were awarded to the following:

Joe O. Aros, first; Luciano G. Ricci, second; Robert Shook, third; Earl L. Close, fourth; Willmar Sweno, fifth; Miles Robertson Jr., sixth; Joe R. Martinez, seventh; George Pizl, eighth; J. L. Mathisen, ninth, and James V. Connallo, tenth.

Jobs up . . . but

Although employment in the nation is at a record high and unemployment at its lowest since 1957, joblessness remains about 5½ per cent among blue collar workers and has risen to more than nine per cent among Negroes.

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Hoffa conviction upheld

James R. Hoffa's 1964 Chattanooga conviction on jury tampering charges has been unanimously upheld by three U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals judges, who said there were no errors affecting the Teamster president's rights.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Crown tells probe topics

Assemblyman Robert W. Crown (D. - Alameda) has announced that the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, which he heads, will conduct investigations into: economic development, mental health, children's services, medical education costs, state purchasing and leasing practices, and budgetary reforms.

Savio to speak

Mario Savio, Jessica Mitford and Assemblyman Willie Brown will speak at a rally to raise money for Free Speech Movement defendants from the University of California at 8 p.m. today (Friday) at the ILWU Hall, 400 North Point, San Francisco. Admission will be $1.50.

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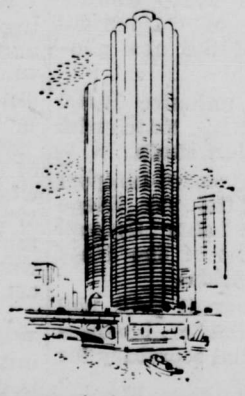
Alvin Johnson named to city pension boards

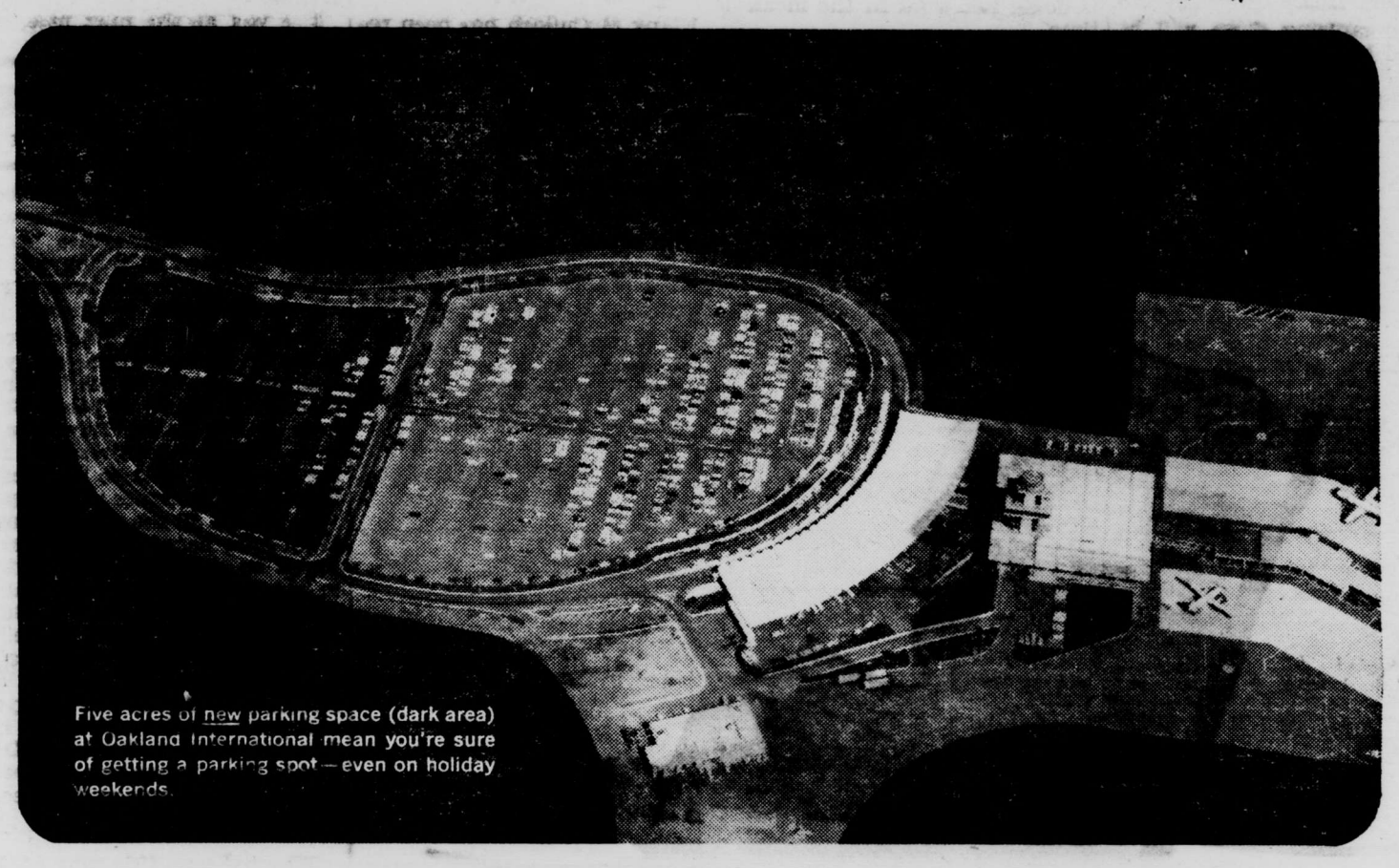
Alvin Johnson, secretary of Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers 1-589, has been appointed to the City of Richmond Firemen's and Policemen's and General Employees' Pension Boards.

The appointment by the City Council is for a five year term.

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Slim Henderson heads Carpenter organizing drive

Armon L. (Slim) Henderson of San Diego will head the new five state organizing drive of the Carpenters.

Henderson will take a leave from his job as secretary-treasurer of the San Diego County District Council of Carpenters to be director of the new program.

Its aim is to unionize 14,000 carpenters in the five states who do not carry union cards.

Henderson will retain his post as president of the San Diego County Central Labor Council and vice-president of the State Council of Carpenters.

His district council post will be filled by Les Parker, business agent and financial secretary for Carpenters 1300.

The organizing drive will be financed by voluntary contributions of $1 per member from Carpenters.

Retail Clerks Union 870

By CHARLES F. JONES

Local 870 Community Services Committee, under the direction of Executive Board member Steve Corso, met Tuesday night, Aug. 10. Subcommittees are being formed for those members who have indicated an interest in community activities, and meetings will be scheduled in the very near future.

We have two organizers working out of Local 870 on unorganized stores. Any members who may have any leads in non-union stores are asked to contact the Union Office.

We are receiving quite a lot of dues mailed to the office without membership books. When you mail dues the book must accompany them. In this way you get your book and receipt with a minimum of delay.

Mrs. Lucay of our Health and Welfare Office is on vacation until Aug. 20. Stephenie Verosko is doing her work in the meantime.

Don't forget our Labor Day Picnic Sept. 6 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. There will be an area set aside for Local 870 members and their families. Free tickets for the picnic are available to all members at the Union Office.

The next regular membership meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. Aug. 24, in the Union Auditorium, 6537 Foothill Blvd., Oakland.

Biggest wetback hauls were in Livermore area

The biggest number of aliens caught working illegally on California farms during 1964 was in the Livermore area, according to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The service apprehended 5,389 aliens working illegally on farms in California and Arizona. Of these, 3,066 were found in the Livermore area, 1,198 in Chula Vista, 562 in El Centro and 295 in Tucson.

McCulloch reappointed

Frank McCulloch has been reappointed chairman of the National Labor Relations Board by President Johnson.

Paint Makers' 1101

By EDWARD MORGAN

We held our first Screening Committee meeting July 29 to discuss the new contract proposals. We had a very good turnout and lots of good proposals.

The next meeting will be held Aug. 26.

A special meeting for the membership will be held in September to vote on submitting these proposals to management.

I attended the California Labor Federation School in Santa Barbara Aug. 1 to 6. This was very interesting and informative.

Don't forget the Labor Day Picnic. Tickets are available in the Union Office. You have your choice of two this year: one in Alameda County at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds and one in Contra Costa County at Rankin Park in Martinez.

Work has picked up a little now that the Painters' strike is settled.

See you at the next meeting.

Barbers 134 [redacted]

By JOHN A. MONTE JR.

New prices are now in effect. The minimum price petition was taken into Sacramento last week; however no action will be taken until after all license renewals have been taken care of.

Sept. 6 — put this date on your calendar. This is time for you and your family to get together with the families of other Barbers at the Labor Day Picnic. Area No. 2 has been reserved for the Barbers. This area has picnic tables and barbecues in the area. This is one of the nicest areas. They have asked Brother Arnie Fields to give a demonstration in hair styling. Arnie is teaching in the Hoffman School in Burlingame and will also be doing styling at the Leamington Hotel on Aug. 30. Brother Fields is an outstanding stylist. I'm sure you and your family will enjoy his demonstration at the Labor Day Picnic. Hope to see you and your family at the picnic at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

New coordinator of apprenticeship for Carpet Layers

The East Bay Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Layers' Joint Apprenticeship Committee has named its first full-time apprenticeship coordinator.

He is Clifford Peterman, who has been a working craftsman or employer in the trade for 35 years.

Since 1947, Peterman has been owner and manager of Peterman Carpet Co. in Oakland, according to David Silveria, representative of the U.S. Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.

The post was created with management contributions negotiated by Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Layers 1290.

Both the union and the joint apprenticeship committee have jurisdiction in Alameda, Contra Costa, Napa and Solano counties.

Peterman will coordinate training programs for apprentices in the four counties.

PROMOTION FUND

At the same time, the Resilient Floor Covering Association, management group, has negotiated with labor for a promotion fund. Bill Cooper, who previously owned the Linoleum Studio in Oakland for 20 years, has been named executive manager.

Cooper went to work as a temporary representative for the association in May and assumed duties with the joint promotion fund Aug. 1. Cooper is a management representative on the joint apprenticeship committee and has also been on the association's negotiating group.

Booe N. Calif.-Nevada area director for CWA

Jim Booe is the new area director of the Communications workers of America.

Booe, a member of the Central Labor Council Executive Committee, was formerly an international representative.

He will be in charge of the Northern California - Nevada Area of CWA's District 9.

New assistant district director is Ed Cruice. Booe succeeds Cruice as area director. R. W. Hackler is District 9 director.

Doctors (naturally) have the highest U.S. incomes

The U.S. Labor Department says doctors have the highest average incomes, $14,561, and newsboys the lowest, $550.

Others in the bottom 10 occupations are: ushers, attendants, bootblacks, private household workers, farm laborers, library attendants, kitchen workers, telegraph messengers, office boys and messengers, and fountain and counter workers.

Cheit wins new post

Dr. Earl F. Cheit, associate director of the University of California Institute of Industrial Relations, has been appointed to the newly-created post of executive vice-chancellor on the Berkeley campus. Cheit is also a member of the Richmond Unified School District Board of Education.



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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

RETAIL CLERKS 870

The next regular membership meeting of Retail Clerks Union Local 870, will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 24, 1965, at 9:30 a.m. in the Union Auditorium, 6537 Foothill Blvd.. Oakland.

Fraternally,
CHARLES F. JONES
Pres.

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

A special called meeting will be held Friday, Sept. 24, 1965, for the purpose of a vote by members on changing the meeting nights, also cutting the meetings to two each month.

At our regular meeting of Friday, Aug. 6, 1965, the following motion was passed: Any member having retroactive pay effective June 16, 1965, who has not collected same should contact the business representatives.

On Saturday, Aug. 21, the Goodfellowship Benefit Club will hold another night of games starting at 8 p.m.

The office of the financial secretary remains open every Friday evening as a convenience to the members desiring to pay their dues.

Our regular meetings are held every Friday evening at 8 p.m.

Our social event is held the last Friday of each month following our regular meeting.

Stewards meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Fraternally,
A. W. RICE,
Rec. Secty.

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Meeetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building. Walnut and Central, Alameda. Refreshments are served on the first meeting of the month.

Fraternally,
WILLIAM (Bill) LEWIS
Rec. Secty.

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Our Aug. 20 meeting will be a special called meeting to elect one member to the Executive Board.

Don't forget our annual picnic on Sunday, Sept. 12, at Elderberry Park, Niles.

Fraternally,
R. H. FITZGERALD,
Rec. Secty.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Members affiliated with Tri-State Council Death Benefit Fund, please be advised that Death Assessment No. 551 is now due and payable. Please bear this in mind when sending in your next payment. If you have fallen behind in the payment of your assessments, please send in a payment immediately. Ten death assessments in arrears, and you will be dropped from the Death Benefit Plan.

Fraternally,
ELIAS L. ARELLANO.
Bus. Mgr.

RUBBER WORKERS 64

Meets second Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. at Auto Workers Hall, 1406 Seminary Ave., Oakland.

Fraternally,
LES PLOWRIGHT,
President

STEAMFITTERS 342

At the special called membership meeting held May 20, 1965, the members voted an assessment of $2 each month for the months of June, July and August, 1965, in order to help defray expenses of additional clerical help required in connection with travel card members and expenses for our union's forthcoming contract negotiating sessions.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Bus. Mgr.

AUTO AND SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next meeting will be at 8 p.m. Sept. 7 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally.
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Bus. Rep.

PAINTERS 127

We have our new contract now. To find out all the information in the new contract, why not attend the meetings? That way, you know things first-hand. Hope to see everyone at the meeting of Aug. 26.

Fraternally,
JIM BROWN,
Rec. Secty.

BARBERS 134

A price increase of 25 cents on adult haircuts was voted in by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at our special meeting Monday, Aug. 16.

The new price is $2.50 for adult haircuts. Children's and all other prices on the price list remain the same.

The regular monthly meeting will be held Thursday, Aug. 26, at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple. There will be an international vote cast to make some changes in the death benefit.

The regular monthly meeting will be held Thursday, Aug. 26, at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple. There will be an internationaal vote cast to make some changes in the death benefit.

We have Labor Day Picnic tickets. The tickets are only $1, and with the entertainment and prizes and good that this money will do for COPE. it is a real bargain.

Fraternally,
A. P. FISHER
Pres.
JACK M. REED,
Secty.-Treas.

BUILDING SERVICE 18

Meeting dates fourth Friday of every month. Meetings at 3 p.m. and the regular evening meeting at 7 p.m., both at the Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster St., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
VIC BRANDT,
Secty.-Bus. Rep.

E.B. MUNI EMPLOYEES 390

HIGHLAND HOSPITAL (GH)
Wednesday, Aug. 25, 8 p.m., Labor Temple, Room 220.

FAIRMONT HOSPITAL (GF)
Thursday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m.. Day Room.

Fraternally,
DAVE JEFFERY,
Exec. Secty.

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held on the first and third Fridays of each month at 761 12th St., Oakland, Calif.

The stewards will meet on the third Thursday, Aug. 19, 1965, at 7:30 p.m.

The Educaational Committee will meet on the fourth Wednesday at 7 p.m., Aug. 25, 1965

Fraternally,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON
Rec. Secty.

PLUMBERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 1965, in Hall A at 8 p.m. on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The regular order of business.

Please make an honest effort to attend your union meetings. Your union is only as strong as your participation.

Fraternally,
GEORGE A. HESS,
Bus. Mgr. &
Fin. Secty.-Treas.

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Special called meeting Thursday, Aug. 19, at 8 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m.

Important Notice: With the conclusion of negotiations with uptown shops and fringe shops, our next meeting of Aug. 19 will act upon the pay increases for full-time officers. Please attend.

Fraternally,
D. ARCA,
Secty.

LINOLEUM LAYERS 1290

There will be a special called meeting of Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Layers Local 1290 on Tuesday, Aug. 24, 1965, Hall A at 8 p.m., Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland. The special meeting assessment of $5 will prevail for non-attendance.

There will be an election for the third business representative. Please attend.

Fraternally,
GLEN A. McINTIRE
Rec. Secty.

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Meeting held on Friday, Aug. 27, 1965, at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland, Calif. 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
ED SOTO,
Rec. Secty.

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The regular meeting of Local 257 will be a special called meeting for consideration of three candidates for business representative on Saturday. Sept. 11, 1965, at 2 p.m. at 1918 Grove St., Oakland, Calif. A $10 fine for non-attendance is levied without a valid excuse. The normal procedure will be adhered to as stated in the bylaws by letter to the secretary.

The Executive Board will meet at 9:30 a.m.

Board members please take note.

Fraternally,
HAROLD BENNER,
Secty.

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The regular meetings of Lodge 1546 are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our building at 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland.

Fraternally,
DON CROSSMAN,
Rec. Secty.

BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

Regular meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley.

Fraternally,
NICK J. AFDAMO,
Rec. Secty.

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meeting held second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. McINTOSH
Rec. Secty.

U.C. EMPLOYEES 371

No regular meetings for July, August and September.

Fraternally,
W. G. WHITCOMBE,
Secty.-Treas.

More voting registrars needed, NAACP official says on Cohelan telecast

Clarence Mitchell, Washington, D.C., director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said this week that the federal government does not begin to have enough registrars to carry out the new Voting Rights Law.

Mitchell made his remarks on a television program with Congressman Jeffery Cohelan (D.-Berkeley), shown over KTVU, (Channel 2), Oakland, Monday as part of a regular weekly series of reports by Cohelan.

Also on the program was Congressman Emanuel Cellar (D.-N.Y.), chief architect of the Voting Rights Law.

The NAACP's Mitchell said that "in every county where the registrars are located, we are getting excellent reports. So what is being done is being done well. The problem is that we are going to have to do more."

YOUTH WORKER OF THE WEEK

By BILL GAINES
Project Specialist

Miss Leona Gatson, 17, of 2037 Market St., Oakland, is the Central Labor Council's Youth Worker of this week.


Leona Gatson

To win the award, a young worker must exhibit good work habits and a responsive attitude toward supervision. Miss Gatson has those qualities. She attends McClymonds High School and hopes to enter the secretarial field someday. Forelady Valeria Moffat expressed complete satisfaction with Leona's performance on assigned duties in the Summer Work Project's Clerical Pool.

The Youth Worker of the Week Award is a framed Certificate of Merit, signed by Council Secretary Robert Ash and Project Director Paul Katz. Along with the certificate is a $5 bonus. Congratulations, Miss Leona Gatson.

A-Teams

The U.S. Labor Department reports that five of its A-Teams — young athletes recruited from other states — were working in Salinas Valley harvests the first week in August.

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MARIANNE KENT, attractive young song stylist, is one of the featured attractions billed for the Alameda County AFLCIO Labor Day Picnic Sept. 6 at the County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Tickets are on sale at local union offices.

E.B. Muni Employees 390

By DAVE JEFFERY

The City Council of Richmond voted a 2½ per cent raise for all employees and an additional 2½ per cent raise for some classifications. Local 390 made a special pitch for an additional raise for the electricians, and they were voted an extra 2½ per cent raise.

The dance tickets have been moving slowly, but it is hoped as our members return from their vacations that they will start getting behind the distribution of these tickets. October may seem like a long way off, but it will be here before you know it. This dance has been enjoyed by everyone who has attended; so we hope all of you will plan to attend this year. More books of tickets are available in the Union Office.

On the dismissal case in the Alameda County Probation Department, our union met with Mr. Buckley, at which time the case was fully discussed and the dismissal was dropped to a 10 day suspension, which was acceptable to the union.

The union is appealing to the Civil Service Board the adverse decision of the Oakland City Manager on the coffee break for three of our members in the sewer crew on the grounds the rule they are alleged to have broken was invalid, as it was in conflict with a rule of the City Manager which allowed coffee breaks for all employees. At the same time our union will negotiate with the Street Department for the issuance of a new rule which will recognize the principle of all employees being entitled to rest periods.

The Central Labor Council of Alameda County, through the Alameda County COPE, is again holding a Labor Day Picnic this year. Our union has a table reserved near the entrance. The picnic will again be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on Monday, Sept. 6, 1965, Labor Day. This picnic is one of COPE's fund-raising events for the registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns. Obviously the success of this picnic will help elect labor-endorsed candidates. Tickets may be obtained from your chapter officers or stewards.

Executive Secretary Dave Jeffery will be on vacation the week of Aug. 23. All emergencies will be taken care of by President Harold Wilson, who can be contacted by calling the Union Office.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Now that we have notified the employers of our desire to amend our union agreement, the problems we have with the Hamilton Watch Co., AGE and the Discount Mart, San Pablo, seem very small.

I say that because the changes in the union agreement that the Executive Board has been discussing will take precedent over any other activity of the union at this time.

We shall say no more about the new union agreement until we have had some meetings with the employers' representatives. We fully intend to have a complete report at the September meeting of the union.

We cannot inform you at this time where the San Francisco union meeting will be held. We shall notify you later of the location of the meeting. The date will be either Thursday, Sept. 16 or Sept. 23.

Another word on the September meeting is to inform you that it will be a **must attend** meeting with a fine attached for those members who do not attend the San Francisco meeting.

Don't forget to include you ZIP Code number with your next dues payment.

Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

At the present time there are approximately 1,500 building and construction workers employed by the Bechtel Corp., Foster-Wheeler and Kellogg Co. in connection with the Standard Oil Richmond Refinery's $90 million expansion program. This local union has approximately 700 fitters, welders and apprentices on these three job sites.

With so many workmen on these projects, they are, naturally, exposed to the possibility of job accidents. There were some minor accidents, one of which was fatal. With job safety being always first in our minds, arrangements were made with Mr. Joe Roberts and Mr. Kenneth McElroy, safety engineers, Construction Section, Division of Industrial Safety, Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, whereby, accompanied by the job steward involved, we toured the Bechtel Corp., Foster-Wheeler and the Kellogg Co. projects.

The representatives of the state did not recommend any changes in Bechtel Co.'s safety program or job safety conditions. They called to the attention of management on Foster-Wheeler's project the need for better first aid room facilities. This was corrected, and a registered nurse will be on the job site on Monday, Aug. 16.

This company was instructed also to place ladders from the bottom up, planking when possible, hand railings or guards on all scaffolding, safety glasses for workmen and a good job cleaning policing.

Kellogg Co.'s safety program, etc., seemed to meet the approval of the safety engineers. On all three projects, ambulance service is available in the City of Richmond, and the California Division of Industrial Safety approves this type of municipal service over that of ambulance on the job site as long as this service is available within 40 minutes. (Service is available within 20 minutes.) However, in isolated areas, they require an ambulance and doctor on the job site or helicopter service.

As you know, safety is everyone's concern, and it begins with each individual, also the foremen and job stewards have an obligation to see that job safety is enforced at all times.

Our files reveal that many of our members have not to date paid the working assessment, covering the months of June, July and August. Your remittance would be appreciated.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, Aug. 19, 1965. Please plan to attend.

Painters Local No. 127

By SAM CAPONIO

It may be some time before the new contract is proofread and printed; so here are some of the changes:

Wages: 50 cents (25 cents on check and 25 cents fringes).

Foreman's pay: one-half hour pay per day, three to five men; one hour's pay per day, six to 10 men, and 1½ hour's pay per day, over 10 men.

High time: ½ hour pay per day, fourth to seventh floor; one hour's pay per day, eighth to 11th story, and 1½ hour's pay per day, 12th story or over.

High time, steel construction: one-half hour pay per day over 50 feet, and two hours' pay per day over 180 feet.

Employees spraying, sandblasting, waterblasting, power cleaning or steam cleaning on steel construction, bridges, stacks, towers, tanks or similar structures shall be paid 25 cents over basic wage rate.

Subsistence shall be $12 per day seven days a week for such a period an employee is required to live away from his place of resident.

Tapers shall receive 25 cents July 1, 1965, and 25 cents July 1, 1966, per hour in addition to basic wage rate.

Employees shall not use their car or truck to haul any material or equipment except in case of emergency. On new work (interior) a nine inch carpet roller may be used over stipple when material is first applied by brush on ceilings and walls only. Wallbrush no larger than 6½ by 1½ inches may be used on ceilings, walls and floors. Sash brush no larger than 2½ inches may be used on glazed sash. On all other surfaces no brush larger than 4x1½ inches may be used.

New work (exterior): wallbrush no larger than 6½x1½ inches may be used on brick, plaster, plywood, concrete, wallboard, stucco and for stain or rough board and batten and resawed siding. On all other surfaces, no brush larger than 4x1½ inches may be used, except on resawed siding a 5x1½ inch brush may be used.

A 12 inch roller by four inches in diameter may be used on new stucco. Rollers shall not be permitted on exterior staging above the third floor. Below the third story, a roller is allowed without an extension handle. All roller handles shall be no longer than 48 inches.

There are more changes, and they are too lengthy to place in one article. If you have any questions, you should contact the office. Without a doubt, the Bay Area Painters have the best contract in the country, and it didn't come easy. Without the full cooperation of the rank-and-file members and their basic support, it could not have been done. It is your contract and your victory. Congratulations!

Demand the Union Label!



BILLY GRANT, master of ceremonies for the variety show at the Alameda County AFLCIO Labor Day Picnic, is also a skilled singer and impersonator. He will head the list of six outstanding acts at the Sept. 6 picnic at Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton.

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Hi. We're nearing the conclusion of a highly successful Summer Work Project. Affiliated unions of our Central Labor Council can be complimented for sponsoring a unique and imaginative effort.

Influential critics, ensconced in the hierarchy of the Great Society, mistrusted our motives and modus operandi. But straight shooters always win, and us good guys showed those wise guys that the Alameda County Central Labor Council has a little something on the ball.

We participants have thus far received the accolades. But the unsung heroes of this phase of America's War on Poverty are Assistant Executive Secretary Richard K. Groulx and Community Services Director Harold Wilson. Dick and Hal provided the original impetus that launched our effort and gave us almost inspirational guidance when snags of emotional and bureaucratic incidents occurred. And, too, they had the muscle to circumvent the creeping paralysis of governmental red tape.

If the tremendous potential for youth guidance in our Central Labor Council Work Program is finally recognized by the powers that be, we can thank Dick Groulx and Harold Wilson for their efforts on our behalf.

If juvenile delinquency was a problem elsewhere during the past few weeks, our 200 youth workers were not. Our youth workers were an economic asset. Okay? Okay.

Millmen 550

By CLYDE JOHNSON

Colony Furniture is on strike against poverty wages. The company pays most of its employees from $1.60 to $1.90 an hour. The union is fighting for the furniture wage scale in this area.

The printed copies of the contract with the association should be out this week. They will be distributed as quickly as possible.

If you take a leave of absence from a shop or mill, make sure you arrange for it in writing. Then have the company notify the union in writing if it is granted. Your seniority and vacation rights depend on it being done properly.

The furniture crafts contract is being negotiated now. We should have a proposal from the association soon to present to the members working under this contract.

Membership meetings are on the first and third Fridays. The meeting hall has been changed to the second floor of the Labor Temple. It is around the corner from our office.

If you know anyone working for Modulux, Inc., please let us know. This schoolroom prefab outfit is now located in Newark (old National Homes plant) and employs over 200 workers. We hope to have an election there soon.

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FIRST AID CLASSES will be included in off-job training for apprentices in the building trades under an agreement between the AFLCIO Building and Construction Trades Department and American Red Cross. Noting that some areas with scant first aid knowledge will be benefited are, from left, President Hunter P. Wharton of the Operating Engineers; Red Cross Vice President Robert F. Shea; President C. J. Haggerty of the Building and Construction Trades Department and Red Cross President James F. Collins. Wharton is chairman of the Safety Committee of the Building and Construction Trades Department.

State AFLCIO raps approval of foreign tomato pickers

Approval of 8,000 foreign workers for California's tomato harvest was condemned in strong words last week by State AFLCIO Secretary - Treasurer Thomas L. Pitts.

"Once again we see the spectacle of high government officials bowing to agribusiness commands," Pitts charged.

He referred to the green light given the previous evening (Aug. 10) by Secretary of Labor Willard Wirtz to the immediate importation of braceros.

Wirtz acted following a recommendation by his three member California Farm Labor Panel.

Its members are:

- Benjamin Aaron, director of the Institute of Industrial Relations, University of California at Los Angeles, chairman.
- Arthur Ross, professor of industrial relations at U.C., Berkeley, and
- Daniel Aldrich, chancellor of U.C.'s Irvine Campus.

Growers had asked for 24,599 braceros to pick canning tomatoes. State Employment Director Albert Tieburg had approved 16,500.

'BALLOONED' FIGURES

Pitts charged that "the figures on supposed 'needs' were purposely ballooned out of all proportion so that the panel could give the agribusiness interests of this state what they wanted and still claim they had judiciously examined the request."

He added that the "subservience of the federal government to the growers' so-called 'needs' directly thwarts" Congress' repeal of the bracero program.

Approval of the foreign workers and the "phony wage ceiling" of $1.40 an hour, Pitts claimed, are subsidies for agriculture.

He said no attempt had been made to find out whether the growers are living up to the requirements set by Wirtz in December for obtaining foreign workers.

"Wirtz and his farm labor panel," Pitts claimed, "have been unable to document any shortage of farm labor in this state. However, this fact has not stopped them from bowing to grower pressures."

Pitts cited discrepancies on output of tomato picking machines between two U.C. reports upon which the approval of the foreign workers were based.

THREE SOURCES

Chairman Aaron said the panel used labor, grower and government sources in arriving at the 8,000 figure. In addition, the Labor Department sent out a 15-member task force to contact growers and their associations, Aaron said.

While labor charged that no braceros were necessary, growers accused Wirtz of not authorizing enough. They predicted crop losses.

Richmond Council reconsiders stand

The Richmond City Council voted a week ago to increase the workweek of firemen from 56 to 60 hours.

But it took a step toward consideration Monday night after more than 100 members of Fire Fighters 188 and other unions picketed the City Hall.

Leo Yarnell, vice-president of Local 188, said more than 18 unions were represented on the picket line. Yarnell said the City Council voted to refer the matter back to its Personnel Board following spirited defense of the union's position by Councilmen John Sheridan and Milton Spinner.

Sheridan is an area representative for the Teamsters and Spinner a member of the Teachers' Union.

Union Label Committee issues a call for help

Union Label pamphlets and other advertising materials for union shop cards and labels are needed for the Labor Day Picnic.

The Union Label Committee of the Central Labor Council has asked locals having such materials to send them to Assistant Secretary Norman Amundson in the CLC Office or John Ferro, president of Printing Specialties District Council 5.

How congressmen voted on repeal of T-H 14(b)

The vote for repeal of Section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Law in the House of Representatives was 221 to 203.

Two hundred Democrats and 21 Republicans voted for repeal; 117 Republicans and 86 Democrats voted against repeal.

Californians of both parties maintained united fronts—with all Republicans present voting against repeal, and all Democrats present voting for repeal.

Strike ends

Members of Machinists 824 have won wage and fringe benefit increases totalling 19 cents an hour in a new three year contract after a strike at Myers Drum Co. in San Pablo.

Governor Brown, Weaver to speak at AFLCIO picnic

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cluding an expense-paid trip for two to Hawaii or Acapulco, two $100 U.S. defense bonds, and 20 other valuable items.

Tickets for the all-day picnic — the Alameda County labor movement's annual political fund-raising event — are only $1 per family and are available from union offices, shop stewards and in the COPE and Central Labor Council offices in the Labor Temple.

TICKET SALES

A report on picnic plans was given to the Central Labor Council Monday night by Assistant Secretary Amundson.

Amundson also reported that the Hayward City Council had defeated the proposed anti-professional strikebreaker ordinance 4-3, with Mayor Dan Cooper and Councilmen Thomas Neveau, Vernon Blichfeldt and Arthur Phillips voting against the labor-sponsored measure.

Neveau raised the unrelated issue of so-called professional pickets and challenged Amundson's right to appear before the council because he is a member of the Hayward Human Relations Commission. Amundson has demanded a full airing of this issue.

AWOC CARAVAN

Upon motion of Edward O. (Pete) Lee, business representative for Government Employees 1533, the council voted to endorse a caravan of unionists who will leave the Labor Temple at 1:30 a.m. Saturday to drive to Stockton and aid the AFLCIO Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee.

Lee emphasized the need for a show of support by Alameda County unionists, as farm labor contractors have been exploiting racial feelings in an attempt to block AWOC unionization efforts.

L.A. RIOTS

Several delegates gave their opinions of the riots in the Los Angeles area. One told of meeting Negroes from the area who had complained about L.A. police tactics and harassment of Negroes.

In other business, delegates voted to endorse Clifford Bachand for appointment to a vacancy on the Oakland-Piedmont Municipal Court.

Nimitz widening

Bids have been opened for widening of Nimitz Freeway from Washington avenue, San Leandro, to Jackson street, Hayward, from four to six lanes, with completion scheduled in nine months.

Building Trades Council to issue new farm labor organizing fund request

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this year. Next year, Green has predicted that AWOC will be self-supporting.

LOCALS DONATE

Both Green, financial secretary of Local 1178, and Yetter president of Local 36, reported that their locals had donated. Yetter indicated Local 36 planned another donation to AWOC.

PARKS JOB CORPS CENTER

Business Representative Childers reported that efforts are being made to get Consolidated Maintenance Co. of Los Angeles — which has the maintenance contract for the Camp Parks Job Corps Center — to hire at least three building tradesmen.

Childers said there is work for a Carpenter, an Electrician and a Plumber. He told delegates the firm has taken the position that Building Service Employees 18 and Stationary Engineers 39 claim jurisdiction, but more talks are planned.

At present, Childers said, no Painters are needed. But hard use is expected by the job corpsmen, and painting may be required within a few months, he said.

BARTD RACE ISSUE

A meeting will be held with officials of the Bay Area Rapid Transit District concerning demands of civil rights groups for hiring of more Negroes in construction of the rapid transit system. Childers pointed out unions will demand their contracts be adhered to.

COUNTY PAY

Next Tuesday afternoon, the Board of Supervisors will hold a hearing on pay rates for building tradesmen employed by the county. All representatives of crafts involved have been urged to attend.

Childers reported that a Personnel Board recommendation would deny pay increases to Carpenters and Plumbers.

NEW DELEGATES

Ray Goldassio was seated as a new delegate from Upholsterers 3.

Delegates re-seated included: Jack P. Riewerts, Upholsterers 3, and Al Thoman, Gunnar Benonys, Oscar Anderson, C. R. Bartalini, Harry Yetter, L. B. Flanigan, P. T. Brightwell and Ellis Jones, all of Carpenters 36.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

'Shun products of struck Detrex Co. of Bowling Green'

Bay Area residents have been urged to avoid products of the struck Detrex Co. of Bowling Green, Ky., which makes dry cleaning equipment and products requiring industrial metal fabrication.

The company has had its main plant in Bowling Green for just over 10 years and has fought off several organizing campaigns by unions. The Sheet Metal Workers won bargaining rights last year in an NLRB election.

Following certification of the union by the NLRB, the company refused even to grant benefits enjoyed by employees prior to unionization, according to Tom Reid, international organizer for the Sheet Metal Workers.

STRIKEBREAKERS HIRED

This prompted a strike, which the company combatted by hiring some 20 strikebreakers.

Reid said the mayor, police officials and chamber of commerce have joined in trying to break the strike. He said several strikers have been threatened with recall of loans, mortgage foreclosure and refusal of credit. Wives of strikers have been threatened with loss of their jobs elsewhere unless their husbands return.

The Park City News, the daily newspaper that serves Bowling Green, has editorialized against the strikers.

At one point, a dump truck owned by the City of Bowling Green poured hot tar-covered rocks on the narrow stretch of driveway between the highway and company property to prevent the pickets from picketing. The pickets continued.

The Sheet Metal Workers pointed out that the Detrex Co. does not pay the prevailing wages even of that area and urged that products of union firms be purchased instead.

Donations to AWOC

Printing Specialties District Council 5 has donated $100 to the AFLCIO Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee, according to Central Labor Council delegate Joe Cabral.

Cabral's report was followed by one by Oscar Anderson of Carpenters 36, who said his union has voted approval of its second 10 cents-per-member donation to AWOC.



EDGAR F. KAISER, right, receives the Murray-Green Award of the AFLCIO for his father, Henry J. Kaiser. The presentation was made at the 10th annual AFLCIO Community Services Conference by President Joseph A. Beirne of the Communications Workers of America, who is AFLCIO Community Services Committee chairman. The elder Kaiser was unable to attend because he is under a doctor's care in New York. He was awarded the medal and a $5,000 check for his services as a builder, humanitarian and developer of a medical care plan benefiting 1,250,000 persons.

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Union's David-&-Goliath battle with U. S. Navy

A David-and-Goliath battle is going on here between members of American Federation of Government Employees 1533 and the good old U.S. Navy. Lodge 1533 represents civilian employees at the Oakland Naval Supply Center.

As almost everybody knows, the Navy brass likes to run the game. And they write the rules, too, just to make sure. In this case, the rules are so general that Navy supervisors can do just about what they want with the civilian employees. But when Lodge 1533 questioned some of these practices, the admiral in charge wrote back that he would reply only to specific violations of specific rules. Since the rules are general, it is practically impossible to pinpoint a violation. How's that for a double standard?

At any rate, Lodge 1533 intends to keep up its questioning of unfair performance ratings and other injustices, including:

- A training program that has some of the earmarks of a cheap-labor dodge.
- Favoritism in overtime assignments.
- Unfair work schedules, and
- What amounts to an increase to an 8½-hour day in the Communications Section.

The Navy may hide behind loose personnel rules, but it cannot escape the fact that generally-accepted personnel practices are being violated. So is the spirit of President Kennedy's Executive Order 10988, which grants bargaining rights to federal employees.

Could this be the first time the Navy and its Industrial Relations Department have been questioned at the Supply Center? Perhaps they just aren't able to justify what they're doing and want to avoid discussing it with the union.

Lodge 1533 has served notice that it plans to get to the bottom of things. And it won't be intimidated or censored.

We applaud this stand. This is what a union is for. If the Navy doesn't know this, it's about to find out!

Riots: it can happen here

Riots, looting and arson cannot be justified. Yet they have happened in Los Angeles. President Johnson has correctly said that they strike at the fabric of a government which seeks to protect the rights of all through laws. Yet the President, too, spoke of the pent-up frustrations of ghetto life for minority groups. We must get at the real cause. To dismiss allegations of police brutality as the catchword of agitators is not enough. The public must know whether this was one of the causes. We must also learn the truth behind Mayor Yorty's apparently opportunistic attempts to blame it all on Washington, D.C. It is true there was a squabble over control of the Los Angeles poverty program, as there is in San Francisco. What is it all about, and who is to blame?

Did Los Angeles police and other authorities wait too long before sending large enough numbers of enforcement officers to the riot area? Did Police Chief Parker wait too long before asking help from the National Guard? We are convinced Lieutenant Governor Anderson acted wisely and quickly once the call came. And we also admire Governor Brown's sacrifice in hurrying home from his European vacation and taking charge of the situation, as well as his statement upon arriving on the scene that "any recriminations at this point are completely out of order . . . The people of this great city want law and order."

Can it happen here? Unfortunately, the answer is that it can. If we want to, however, we can profit from the tragedy of Los Angeles. We can do this by ending de facto school segregation, by breaking down job barriers in unions and industries, by opening all neighborhoods and breaking up racial ghettoes, and by keeping a balance between respect for law and order by all citizens and for the rights of the individual by police.

Our record is spotty on most of these counts. Let us not point any fingers. Rather, let us get our own house in order now.

Sodden Thought Dept.

Negro unemployment is reported to be one of the sore spots behind the Los Angeles riots. Yet the U.S. Labor Department has just authorized 8,000 foreign workers to pick tomatoes on California farms. State and federal recruiters couldn't have looked very hard.

Carry On!



COMMENTS ON L.A. RIOTS BY OFFICIALS, OTHERS

Following are some comments on the Los Angeles riots:

President Lyndon B. Johnson:

"Those who strike at the fabric of ordered liberty also erode the foundation on which the house of justice stands . . .

"It is not simply that what happened there can happen elsewhere. It is also that the Los Angeles disorders flow from a violent breach of rooted American principles.

"To resort to terror and violence not only shatters the essential right of every citizen to be secure in his home, his shop and in the streets of his town, it strikes from the hand of the Negro the very weapons with which he is achieving his own emancipation.

"As I have said time and time again, aimless violence finds fertile grounds among men imprisoned by the shadowed walls of hatred, coming of age in the poverty of slums, facing their future without education or skills and with little hope of rewarding work.

"These ills, too, we are working to wipe out.

"We must not let anger drown understanding if domestic peace is ever to rest on its only sure foundation — the faith of all our people that they share, in opportunity and in obligation, the promise of American life."

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Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown:

"Any recriminations at this point are completely out of order. The people of this great city want law and order. We won't worry now about who's to blame."

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. termed the riots "absolutely wrong, socially detestable and self-defeating." He added:

"I hope they will not spread, but due to joblessness and housing conditions, every Northern community is a potential powder keg.

"We must get rid of the ghetto and bring Negroes into the economic mainstream of American life."

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Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive director:

"The civil rights cause does not, cannot and will not condone, or in any fashion approve, rioting and looting as a weapon to secure citizenship rights."

Assemblyman Mervyn Dymally:

"The events of the last two days are regrettable and cannot be blamed on any one person or incident. However, public disclosure that the Los Angeles Police Department is a bed of bigotry is not conducive to good police-community relations . . .

"Thousands of residents in my district who stayed in their homes and played no part in the rioting are without food and other items of day-to-day necessity such as milk and bread."

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Archie W. Hardwicke, director, Westminster Neighborhood Association:

"They just don't understand the people here. They come into this area like an army of occupation."

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Rev. H. H. Brookins, chairman, United Civil Rights Committee:

"The surest road to ultimate defeat for all people, particularly minorities, is this sort of violence. Unjust means to achieve just ends will never work."

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Rev. Henry W. Murphy, Grant African Methodist Episcopal Church:

"I'm sure all of us are sick in our hearts at what has transpired these few days. I recognize there are many injustices heaped on people of our color. But no amount of discrimination ought to cause a man to break into a liquor store. No amount of police brutality should cause a man to steal guns and beds."

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Psychologist James R. Silber:

"The ghetto contributes to a sense of isolation, loneliness, differentness and separateness — working together to create resentfulness."

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Mayor Samuel Yorty:

"Control will not come until we get the criminal element in jail. These people are not representative of the Negroes in Los Angeles. They are criminals."

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Police Chief W. H. Parker:

"An outgrowth of civil disobedience has been built up."

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Lt. Gov. Glenn Anderson:

"Police Chief Parker did not request our help until 11 a.m. Friday. Troops were on the scene at 7 o'clock that night."

LEGISLATIVE MILESTONES ENACTED

Congress marked two legislative milestones with passage of the long sought medicare bill and a voting rights bill to wipe out racial discrimination at the polls.

Senate passage of medicare, after the House had approved a similar measure, ended years of struggle by labor and senior citizens for Social Security-financed health care for retired Americans.

VOTING MEASURE

The House passage of a voting rights measure completed action on the Administration's proposal to end by law the obstacles which many southern states have put to registration and voting by Negroes.

The final tipoff that medicare was to become a reality came a few weeks ago when its longtime foe, the American Medical Association, all but threw in the sponge.

MEDICARE PROVISIONS

The bills passed by the House and Senate both will:

- Expand social security benefits to cover hospitalization and post-hospital nursing care for persons over 65.
- Establish a supplementary insurance program for many other medical expenses, with the federal government paying half the cost.
- Boost monthly social security retirement benefits seven per cent and raise the wage base on which taxes are assessed.
- Liberalize the Kerr-Mills program for needy persons over 65 and extend medical benefits to needy children under the aid to dependent children program.

A pioneer crusader for medicare, Senator Clinton P. Anderson (D.-N.M.), told the Senate at the start of debate that the years have piled up evidence that "the sound and practical solution" to the health needs of the aged is through the social security system.

He termed it significant that the debate was beginning on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the original Social Security Act, which "held forth the hope that the people of the United States should no longer approach old age in fear."

Recalling that the initial health care bills were backed by "only a small minority" of senators, Anderson noted the steady growth in support as hearings and studies pointed up the need.

DENIAL OF RIGHTS

Representative Emanuel Celler, (D.-N.Y.), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, declared that the voting rights bill is needed to counter the "dodges and subterfuges" used to deny the ballot to Negroes in parts of the South and to "breathe new life" into the 15th Amendment, which forbids states to discriminate in voting because of race or color.

He warned that "there are still those who believe that Negroes were born with saddles on their backs, to be ridden, booted and spurred by those in power."

The 95 years which have passed since the 15th Amendment was enacted, Celler said, have been marked by repeated efforts "to defeat and circumvent its basic purpose."

He cited a county in Mississippi where Negroes outnumber whites nearly two-to-one — but only 20 Negroes are registered to vote as compared with 4,800 whites.

In Dallas County, Ala., of which Selma is the county seat, four years of litigation resulted in the registration of only 320 out of more than 15,000 Negroes of voting age, Celler said.

Pleasures

If all our wishes were gratified, most of our pleasures would be destroyed.—**In Transit.**